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SENT DEPARTMENT 1297, BERLIN 376, REPEATED INFORMATION PARIS 394  
LONDON 277, MOSCOW 153

ALSO SENT USAREUR HEIDELBERG 324 BY OTHER MEANS.

REFERENCE: PARIS SECTOS 10 AND 11 TO DEPARTMENT

WE SOUGHT BRITISH AND FRENCH CONCURRENCE TO CANCEL IMMEDIATELY  
THAT PART OF CURRENT TRIPARTITE INSTRUCTIONS REGARDING MILITARY  
TRAINS WHICH PERMIT TRAIN COMMANDERS SHOW UNDER PROTEST SAME  
DOCUMENTS TO EAST GERMANS AS SHOWN SOVIET CHECKPOINT OFFICIALS,  
AND TO SUBSTITUTE THEREFOR SECTION 11 ("RAIL INSTRUCTIONS")  
OF BERLIN'S 422 TO DEPARTMENT, ON UNDERSTANDING LATTER WOULD  
BE EFFECTIVE AT LEAST ON INTERIM BASIS WHILE REVISION ENTIRE  
CONTINGENCY PLANS BEING WORKED OUT.

BRITISH PREPARED MAKE SUBSTITUTION EFFECTIVE AS OF TONIGHT.  
FRENCH WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS HENCE UNABLE AGREE BUT WILL TRY  
OBTAIN THEM TOMORROW. IN VIEW IMPROBABILITY IMMEDIATE TRANSFER  
CHECKPOINT CONTROLS AND DESIRABILITY MAINTAINING TRIPARTITE  
FRONT, BRITISH AND WE AGREED WAIT UNTIL FRENCH RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS  
IF THIS NOT DELAYED BEYOND 48 HOURS.

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